

Comment

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Q1 Do you consider the Local Plan is Legally Compliant? Yes

Q2 Do you consider the Local Plan is Sound (positively prepared, effective and Justified) No

If your comment(s) relate to a specific site within a core policy please select this from the drop down list. N/A

If you think your comment relates to the DtC, this is about how we have worked with the Duty to Cooperate bodies (such as neighbouring planning authorities)

Q3 Do you consider the Local Plan complies with the Duty to Co-operate? No

Q4 Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

There is no drop - down option for Cumnor in this comments section?

There is a worrying lack of infrastructure to support the plan. For years the main roads around Oxford have been chronically congested much of the time. The current national and economic climate has been one of cuts to key services in the county and beyond. These cuts are set to continue into the future. It takes a giant stretch of the imagination to believe that in the next ten to fifteen years that the sort of funding will be found to resource what will become a major road-building programme. The proposed Community Infrastructure Levy needs more detail, but it is hard to imagine at this time that enough will be raised through this source to meet the projected needs.

In addition our local education and health facilities are at full capacity and there is limited scope for expansion without putting people's safety at risk.

Access to four out of the five Cumnor sites would be via a single lane one-way route through the centre of the village which runs past the village primary school, an already dangerous situation with the current traffic levels. The closeness of houses on either side of this route and the village layout means the widening or construction of alternative routes would not be viable.

The A34 and A420 in particular would need to be the main transport links to the great majority of newly created jobs near Harwell and East Oxford which is a key employment hub.

It is difficult to see how the Vale District will be able to cope with this level of growth. The considerable impact the plan will have on the environment and countryside are of major concern.

Q5 Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

A proper public consultation and review of the Green Belt area is required. A robust and realistic assessment of the infrastructure needed is key in developing a deliverable and sustainable plan. The resulting plan should be one that can gain overall acceptance and ownership by the community.

Please note your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested modification, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage.

After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

Q6 If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination? No - I do not wish to participate at the oral examination